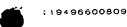
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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Office Action dated November 8, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 16-19 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Present Status of the Application

Claims 1-19 remain pending of which claims 16-19 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. For at least the following reasons, claims 1-15 are in proper condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Response to Rejections under 35 U.S. C. 103

1. The Office Action rejected claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Liu et al. (US-6,326,300, hereinafter Liu) in view of Violette et al. (US-6,140,244, hereinafter Violette).